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[54] ALL WHEEL DRIVE CONTINUOUSLY VARIABLE TRANSMISSION HAVING DUAL MODE OPERATION

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[57] ABSTRACT

An automatic transmission for an automotive vehicle includes a continually variable drive mechanism having one sheave assembly supported on an input shaft and the output sheave assembly fixed to an intermediate shaft, a planetary gearset driveably connected to the input shaft and a layshaft gearset, a fixed ratio drive mechanism in the form of a chain drive providing a torque delivery path between the intermediate shaft and the output shaft, a transfer clutch for connecting and releasing the first sheave of the variable drive mechanism and input shaft, a low brake, and first and second reverse clutches for connecting and releasing alternately the input shaft, output shaft and output shaft, and a clutch for selectively driveably connecting the output of the second fixed drive mechanism and a front output shaft.

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